DATE:

P.001/008

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

OCT 2 9 2003



Confidentiality Note:

The information contained in this facsimile message is c nfidential and its contents are intended to be legally privileged information solely for the use of the addressee. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, copying or other use of this message and its contents is strictly prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original message to us at the address shown below via air courier service, the United States Postal Service or your national postal service (air mail). Thank You.

101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000 Charlotte, NC 28280-4000

> 704-444-1000 Pax: 704-444-1111

TELECOPY

PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

		A A TT 14 2771		
Exa	.S. Patent and Trademark Office			
U.				
Gre	gory J. Carlin, Esq.			
ICI	AL FILING - AP	PLICATION	NO. 10/034,436	
NO. OF PAGES:		OPERATOR	OPERATOR:	
ver pag	(e)			
PC'ET	JED PROPERLY, PLEASE	NOTIFY ME IMME	DIATELY AT (704) 444-1111	
	EDINO: ELEN,			
;	RANSG	FAX NUMBER:	703-872-9302	
TTER:	34976/238448			
		VOICE NUMBER	703-305-3576	
n contain	ned in this facsimile message is confident and decision. If the reader of this m	lessage is not the interloca to		
	U Gre FICI GES: ver pag TTER: DBY:	U.S. Patent and Tragery J. Carlin, Esq. FICIAL FILING - AP GES: ver page) ECEIVED PROPERLY, PLEASE RANSG TTER: 34976/238448 DBY: G.Ransom, ext. 1177 In contained in this facsimile message is confidence.	CICIAL FILING - APPLICATION GES: ver page) ECEIVED PROPERLY, PLEASE NOTIFY ME IMME RANSG FAX NUMBER: TTER: 34976/238448	

Oct-29-03 05:27pm FromP.002/008

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.:

10/034,436

Confirmation No.: 2496

Applicant(s):

John Thomas Aylward

12/27/2001

Art Unit: Examiner: 3721

Title:

Filed:

Hemant Desai APPARATUS FOR HANDLING AND PACKAGING

FRIABLE TABLETS

Docket No.:

34976/238448

Customer No.: 00826

OFFICIAI

RECEIVED

CENTRAL FAX CENTER

OCT 2 9 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE 37 CFR § 1.607

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.